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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): Ballard C. Bare

Confirmation No.: 7323

Application No.: 09/228,087

Examiner: Harper, Kevin C.

Filing Date: January 11, 1999

Group Art Unit: 2664

Title: Broadcast Tree Determination In  
Load Balancing Switch Protocols

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TOTAL CLAIMS	<u>26</u>	MINUS	<u>20</u>	<u>= 6</u>	X <u>\$18</u>	<u>\$ 108</u>
INDEP. CLAIMS	<u>2</u>	MINUS	<u>2</u>	<u>= 0</u>	X <u>\$84</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
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TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						<u>\$ 108</u>

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Re Application of Ballard C. Bare  Serial No. 09/228,087  Filing Date: January 11, 1999  Title: BROADCAST TREE DETERMINATION IN LOAD BALANCING SWITCH PROTOCOLS	Confirmation No.: 7323  Examiner: Harper, Kevin C.  Art Unit: 2664  Attorney Docket No.: 10980015-1
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AMENDMENT A AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 15  
 2002, please amend the above-identified application as shown  
 below:

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 1, line 11,  
 with the following rewritten paragraph:

## --2. Related Patents

This patent is related to the following commonly  
 owned patents: United States Patent Number 09/228,110  
 entitled *Load Balancing Switch Protocols*, United  
 States Patent Number 09/228,159 entitled *Identity*  
*Negotiation Switch Protocols*, United States Patent  
 Number 09/228,890 entitled *Cost Propagation Switch*